

INFANT DEATH RATES BY COUNTY AND RACE

Objective

By 1990, no county and no racial or ethnic group of the population should have an infant mortality rate in excess of 12 deaths per 1,000 live births.

Explanatory Notes

Infant deaths are deaths of residents under one year of age. In order to present more stable rates, county rates are for the 5-year period 1982-86. For purposes of this report, infant death rates by race are calculated for whites and nonwhites.

Findings

For the period 1982-86, the state as a whole and 50 of the 100 counties experienced infant death rates above 12.0. The county rates ranged from 4.4 in Graham to 20.4 in Warren, as shown on page 20.

The infant death rate for North Carolina whites is projected to continue to decline to about 7.8 in 1990. The rate for nonwhites is also expected to decline but to only about 14.1. Nationally, it appears unlikely that this objective will be met by Blacks or nonwhites as a whole (3).

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health Statistics
United States: National Center for Health Statistics

